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FEI World Cup™ Finals Return to Las Vegas, April 15-19, 2015!

The FEI World Cup™ Finals — featuring the Longines FEI World Cup™ Jumping Final and the Reem Acra FEI World Cup™ Dressage Final — return to Las Vegas, April 15-19, 2015, marking the Finals' first time in the U.S. since 2009.

This will be the sixth time that the Finals are being held at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas where the sport is presented with all the pizzazz that one finds only in the "Entertainment Capital of the World!"

Beezie Madden of Cazenovia, N.Y., the two-time Olympic Gold Medalist and 2013 FEI World Cup™ champion in jumping, said, "The fact that the FEI World Cup™ Finals are returning to Las Vegas is great news for everyone. I have been fortunate to compete all over the world and nowhere is our sport presented with as much flair and excitement as in Las Vegas."

Steffen Peters of San Diego, Calif., the three-time Olympic veteran who won the Dressage World Cup Final in Las Vegas in 2009, echoed Madden's sentiments. "The previous World Cup Finals held in Las Vegas proved why the city is known as the Entertainment Capital of the World," he said, "They showcase our sport like no one else and the riders absolutely love competing there."

All of the excitement will begin on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 with the warm-ups for both jumping and dressage. Actual competition begins on Thursday, April 16 with the Reem Acra FEI World Cup™ Dressage Grand Prix at noon, followed by the Longines FEI World Cup™ Jumping Final



A laser light show opens the 2009 Las Vegas World Cup.

Round I at 7 p.m. Competition continues the next day, Friday, April 17, with the Reem Acra FEI World Cup™ Dressage Freestyle Rehearsal at 7:30 a.m., the Las Vegas Dressage Showcase at noon and the Longines FEI World Cup™ Jumping Final Round II at 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 18 features the Reem Acra FEI World Cup™ Dressage Final (Freestyle) at noon, followed by the Show Jumping Grand Prix of Las Vegas at 7 p.m. The competition concludes on Sunday, April 19 with the Longines FEI World Cup™ Jumping Final Round III at noon. All times are local time.

Spectators have a variety of ticketing options from which to choose. For

either the Jumping or Dressage Final, spectators may purchase an all-session balcony level ticket (priority seating) at \$200 per person, an all-session plaza level ticket (priority seating) at \$350 per person, or the VIP package, which includes one premier all-session seat, access to the Taylor Harris Club Presented by the National Horse Show, a private VIP hospitality area complete with deluxe food and beverage each day, and VIP preferred parking, for \$1,500 per person.

Combo packages are also available with seats for both Jumping and Dressage with discounted prices as follows: balcony level at \$350, plaza level at \$650, or the VIP package at \$2,950.

Founded in 1979, the FEI World Cup™ Jumping Final is an annual international competition featuring the world's best show jumping horses and riders. In the 36 Finals held through 2014, United States riders have emerged with the most titles, having won the championship nine times. Previous FEI World Cup™ Jumping Finals held in the United States include Baltimore (1980), Tampa (1989), Del Mar, Calif. (1992) and Las Vegas (2000, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009).

Started in 1986, the FEI World Cup™ Dressage Final showcases the world's best dressage horses and riders. The United States has won the championship twice — in 2003 (Debbie McDonald with Brentina) and 2009 (Steffen Peters with Ravel). The Final has been held in the United States in Los Angeles (1995) and Las Vegas (2005, 2007, 2009).



Steffen Peters and Ravel celebrate victory at the World Cup. (Photo by Tish Quirk)



Beezie Madden and Simon (Photo by Arnd Bronkhorst/FEI)

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It's a full house at the World Cup in 2009, the last time it was held in Las Vegas. (Photo by KLeck)